
**FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR
THE STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL BOARD
April 12, 2005**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON BOARDS,
COMMISSIONS, AND CONSUMER PROTECTION
AND THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS**

ISSUE #1: Should the licensing and regulation of the structural pest control profession be continued, and be regulated by an independent board rather than by a bureau under the Department?

Recommendation #1: *The Joint Committee recommends that the structural pest control profession continue to be regulated and that a board structure be maintained.*

Comments: The Department made no recommendation regarding the continuation of the Structural Pest Control Board and indicated instead that it is generally supportive of boards being sunsetted and their programs being incorporated into the Department, and therefore that it will not be making recommendations regarding this board and would like to further discuss this issue with the Joint Committee.

The Joint Committee is, however, recommending at this time both the continued regulation and licensing of the structural pest control profession and the continuation of the Structural Pest Control Board. Regulation of the profession of pest control, with its use of dangerous chemicals and with the potential for significant financial consequences as a result of pest control reports done in conjunction with home purchases, is in the public interest and should be continued. Also, Governor Schwarzenegger's California Performance Review (CPR) suggested that the Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) and the Board have parallel regulatory and enforcement authorities, and that California should consolidate them. However, the DPR does not have the consumer-protection focus that the Board has had since it was created. The Governor at this time has not proceeded with the reforms recommended by the CPR.